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FOLLOWING ARE REQUESTED PORTIONS OF TRANSCRIPT:

TAKANO (YOMIURI): YOU HAVE VISITED CHINA MANY TIMES, AND NOW
YOU ARE SERVING IN JAPAN, WHICH IS CLOSE TO CHINA. HOW DO YOU
VIEW THE U.S.- CHINA RELATIONS, AND HOW DO YOU EXPECT THE
U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS TO DEVELOP UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
IN THE FUTURE?

AMBASSADOR: WELL, OUR RELATIONS ARE BASED ON THE SHANGHAI
COMMUNIQUE OF FEBRUARY 1972 SIGNED JOINTLY BY FORMER PRESIDENT
NIXON AND THE LATE PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI. THE COMMUNIQUE RECOGNIZED
THERE IS BUT ONE CHINA, AND IT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT BY
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PEACEFUL MEANS THAT WOULD BECOME A RECOGNIZED FACT RATHER THAN
A MERE EXPRESSION. NIXON, FORD, AND NOW PRESIDENT CARTER HAVE
INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE THEIR INTENTION TO WORK TOWARDS THE
NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS.

THE ONE ROADBLOCK OF COURSE IS THE QUESTION OF TIAWAN. WHAT THE
PRC WANTS IS A RECOGNITION OF THE PRINCIPLE, AND THEY HAVE

SUGGESTED A NUMBER OF TIMES THE APPLICATION OF THE JAPANESE FORMULA. IT IS MY FEELING THAT THE WAY TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR TAIWAN AND PEKING TO GET TOGETHER AND REACH AN AMICABLE DECISION.

IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IT WAS STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM TAIWAN AS THE DANGER IN THE AREA CEASED, AND THAT "DANGER IN THE AREA" WAS OF COURSE THE WAR IN VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND LAOS. WITH THE END OF THAT STRUGGLE, WE FIND THAT U.S. FORCES IN TAIWAN HAVE BEEN REDUCED FROM 10,000 ROUGHLY TO ABOUT 1,300 AT THE PRESENT TIME. NOT ONLY THAT, THE FIVE U.S. OFFICERS STATIONED IN QUEMOY AND MATSU HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN. THAT WAS THE TOTAL AMERICAN COMPLEMENT, AND IF IT COULD BE DECIDED BY THE TWO CHINAS OR, RATHER, BY TAIWAN AND THE PRC, THEN THE QUESTION WOULD BE SETTLED.

AS FAR AS WHAT THE U.S. POSITION IS AT THIS MOMENT, I CAN'T SAY, EXCEPT I BELIEVE THAT THE POLICY IS TO CONTINUE TO FURTHER TRY TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PEKING, AND IF AND WHEN THAT COMES ABOUT IT WILL OF COURSE MEAN RECOGNITION. WHEN AND IF THAT WILL COME ABOUT I CAN'T SAY BECAUSE UNDER THE U.S. CONSTITUTION THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO EXTEND OR TO WITHDRAW DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. SO HE, FOLLOWING NIXON AND FORD, HAS THIS PROBLEM BEFORE HIM. WHAT THE OUTCOME WILL BE I CAN'T SAY.

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